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Ms. Paula Doughty
Director, Environmental Affairs
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Re: Request for Board Presentation, Annual Reclamation Update & Final Closure Plan Status, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (KUCC), Bingham Canyon Mine, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

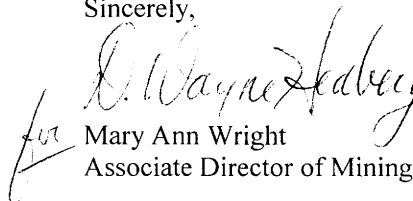
Dear Ms. Doughty:

As you will recall, the original 1978 Mined Land Reclamation Contract Agreement stipulated that KUCC provide the Division and Board with an annual detailed report of the reclamation work performed during the preceding year at the Bingham Canyon Copper Mine. The agreement also requires KUCC and Division personnel to work jointly in establishing annual reclamation plans for each forthcoming year. These plans are also subject to Board review.

The Division hereby requests that KUCC assemble the necessary information to present a summary to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, of the annual reclamation work performed at the Bingham Canyon mine. We have tentatively scheduled this presentation for the October 23, 2002, Board Hearing. We understand that there is a possibility that pending union contract negotiations may have an impact on your meeting the October hearing. If contract negotiations break down which results in a strike, we will reschedule the presentation for the December 4, 2002 hearing date as an alternative date.

We would ask that KUCC personnel also come prepared to discuss any revisions or updates to the final closure plans for the Bingham Canyon Mine with the Board since last year's presentation. We would like to review an outline of your proposed Board presentation by late September, if possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. Please contact me at (801) 538-5306, or Wayne Hedberg at 538-5286, if we can provide further guidance in this matter.

Sincerely,


for Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director of Mining

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